

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 14 of page 20 as follows:

FIG. 3 is a transmittance curve for the powder of Example 3. The transmittance measurements were carried out on a sample obtained by dispersing the powder in castor oil using three rollers^[1] to obtain a 5% dispersion, and applying the dispersion onto a transparent quartz plate using a 5 μ m applicator. As a contrast, commercially sold ultra-fine particle titanium oxide (ST485 made by Titan Kogyo K.K.) was used. It can be seen from FIG. 3 that the powder of the present invention has good ultraviolet-absorbing ability, and has excellent transparency in the visible region.